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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OREP(DIGGS, CHARLES), IV, AFDB, EAID
SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS VISIT TO ABIDJAN

1. IN CONNECTION WITH TRIP THROUGH WEST AFRICA
FOCUSSED ON SHAEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS,
CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND STAFF CONSULTANT
DR. HERSCHELLE CHALLENGER MADE BRIEF STOP IN
ABIDJAN APRIL 5-6. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO
MEET WITH AFDB/AFDF AND EMBASSY/REDSO OFFICIALS
REGARDING SAHEL-RELATED PROJECTS.

2. DIGGS ATTENDED BRIEFING BY COUNTRY TEAM IN
MORNING. LUNCH AT RESIDENCE WITH AFDB PRESIDENT
FORDWOR AND VICE PRESIDENT GONDWE AFFORDED
OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF OVERALL US
PARTICIPATION IN AFDB/AFDF. FORDWOR EXPRESSED
HIS HOPE THAT DIGGS WILL ASSIST IN EXPANDING THAT
PARTICIPATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE CONTEXT OF
THE NEXT AFDF REPLENISHMENT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN
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IN LATE 1978. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S.
CONSIDER CHANNELING SPECIFIC PROGRAM AID TO
AFRICA, SUCH AS THAT FOR THE SAHEL, THROUGH THE
AFDB, PERHAPS ON A BASIS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE
NIGERIAN TRUST FUND. FORDWOR INDICATED THAT HE
WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE
ISSUES WITH OTHER U.S. . ADMINISTRATION AND LEGISLATIVE

BRANCH OFFICIALS AND MIGHT CONSIDER A TRIP TO WASHINGTON THIS YEAR FOR THIS PURPOSE. DIGGS AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS OFFERED THEIR COOPERATION IN ARRANGING SUCH A TRIP.

3. MEETING WITH GOIC FOREIGN MINISTER USHER UNFORTUNATELY HAD TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO LAST MINUTE CALLING OF CABINET MEETING BY PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET ON APRIL 5 AND DIGGS EARLY DEPARTURE FOLLOWING MORNING.

4. DIGGS HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ATTENDED BY LOCAL TV, NEWSPAPER AND REUTER REPS. DISCUSSION FOCUSSED IN PARTICULAR ON STRENGTH OF U.S.S. COMMITMENT TO SAHEL DEVELOPMENT IN TERMS NOT ONLY OF FINANCING BUT ALSO OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BASED ON U.S. EXPERIENCE WITH DROUGHT IN ITS OWN SOUTHWEST. STEARNS

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